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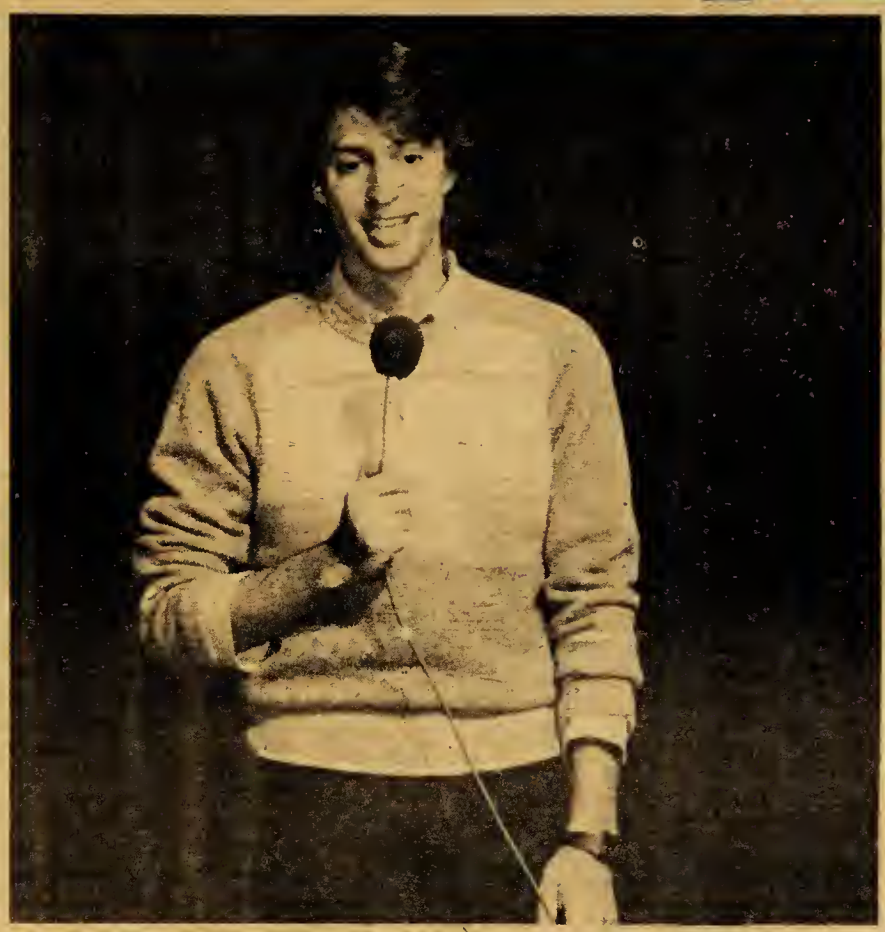

Live from Neumann Auditorium

Joel Madison, a night club comic from Minneapolis, performs before a large Neumann Auditorium crowd Saturday. Madison was also seen "entertaining" students later in a legs contest at "The Hub." Pat Simmons photo.

Academic committees to examine merit pay for 'outstanding' profs

by MICHAEL B. WIRTH

Two academic committees and the Budget Building Committee are checking into a rewards system that would give $500 to at least 10 teachers per year who appear to be doing an outstanding job.

The Appointment and Rank Committee and the Academic Planning Committee are spearheading the project which could involve spending $3,000-$4,000 per year, according to Dr. Ed Welch, vice president for academic affairs.

Welch said the rewards system is being looked into as way to "thank" professors for doing an outstanding job.

"The question was, 'How can we recognize those faculty members who are doing an outstanding job,'" Welch said. "We are looking for a way to give tangible rewards."

The program has several advantages and disadvantages. But the subject is a very "sensitive" issue among the faculty, Welch said.

"The majority arguing in favor [of the program] believe that the college should be recognizing those doing outstanding work," Welch said.

The subjective nature of the program has caused differences, though.

"They [faculty members] believe there's a danger against [the program] keeping them in line and rewarding friends," Welch said. "They also want a system that's fair."

Those opposed to the program are also worried about the effects on the "Wartburg Community."

"The idea is to promote people who work hard," Welch said. "If it is going to destroy the community, it doesn't make any sense to do it."

The proposal states that the awards would be made by the Appointment and Rank Committee, which would increase from four to six members if the program is implemented.

Old Main options, budget top agenda items for board

by MICHAEL B. WIRTH

The Wartburg Board of Regents will meet this weekend to discuss potential changes in the school including the possible renovation of Old Main and the 1985-86 budget.

The board will discuss two options regarding Old Main. One option is turning the 104-year old structure into a Humanities Center. The second option is to preserve Old Main's structure. This option is less expensive, but doesn't deal with the space problems facing the college.

President Robert Vogel didn't want to predict what the board would do with Old Main, which is listed in the National Register for Historic Places.

"It's the board's decision," he said.

The board will also discuss increases in the budget for the 1985-86 academic year. The board will look at student costs and fees, a proposed reward system for faculty, income projections and budget reports from the various academic departments.

The board will also discuss if they are interested in talking with the Waverly Chamber of Commerce about the potential use of the soccer field area to build an indoor swimming pool. The indoor facility is a joint project including the Waverly City Council, the Waverly-Shell Rock School District and Wartburg.

"The board will be discussing present and future use of the area and whether we're open to talks with the Chamber of Commerce," Vogel said.

"If we are, we have to decide how much land and the value of it and an agreement would have to be reached [between the board and the involved parties]."

The board's agenda also includes tenure, promotion and contract renewals, as well as the election of the board's president, vice president, secretary and two at-large members for the Executive Committee.

HPC meeting discusses dorm renovation proposal

Two proposals were brought up during the Jan. 28 Hall Presidents Council meeting which will directly affect students living in the residence halls.

Starting as early as Spring Break, renovations of the dormitories will begin. Preliminary actions will presumably originate in the recreation rooms where redecorating will take place.

"I'm convinced that there is a need for substantial allocations of college funds [for the renovating process]," said Dr. Ron Matthias, vice president for financial affairs. "This is a reflection of concern not to neglect the dormitories."

No costs have been discussed and a priority list for remodeling has not been drawn to date.

The residential life staff is working with students to find out what renovations need to be done. Painting and ventillation have been two areas that are being looked into.

"We want to find ways of consulting with students," Matthias said. "We can't spend a dollar twice, so we have to decide what is important."

Another recommendation that resulted from the meeting was the possibility of making telephone installation costs a part of residence hall improvement. Wartburg would pick up the cost of wiring, which would save each student $20 off the original $95 price.

Recognized authority on Communists to speak Wednesday in Neumann Aud

A widely recognized authority on Communist affairs will fulfill his convocation engagement Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium

Harrison Salisbury was originally scheduled to speak here in October for the convocation series on "Understanding the People of the Soviet Union." His visit was postponed so he could complete research in China on The Long March, a hallmark in Chinese Revolutionary history, for a book he is writing.

Salisbury, for many years an editor and correspondent for the New York Times, is best known as the Times' Moscow correspondent. Salisbury also served as assistant managing editor, associate editor and editor of the Op-Ed page of the Times.

He won the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting from the Soviet Union and has been a recipient of numerous journalism awards.

In recent years, he has devoted much of his time to authoring books, including "Without Fear or Favor: An Uncompromising Look at the New York Times," "The 900 Days: The Siege of Leningrad," "Black Night, White Snow: Russia's Revolutions, 1905-1914," "The Gates of Hell," his memoirs, "A Journey of Our Time," and most recently, "China: 100 Years of Revolution."

Salisbury is president of the Authors League and a former president of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, the honorary society of eminent writers, composers and artists.

He also has served as moderator of two Public Broadcasting System network programs, "Behind the Lines" and "National Town Meeting."

Salisbury has travelled to all the Communist countries with the exception of Cuba and has widely travelled in China, particularly in the remote Sino-Soviet border area and Tibet. He was also the first correspondent to travel the Lhasa road to Nepal and the first Western correspondent to visit North Korea. He also made a notable trip behind the lines to North Vietnam during the war.

A question-and-answer session will follow his address.

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Wartburg to celebrate Women's History Week

Wartburg will celebrate its first Women's History Week March 3-9. The theme for the week is "Let's Write Women Back Into History," according to Marion Gremmels, assistant professor of English and chair of the ad hoc committee planning the week's festivities.

Kicking off the week will be an evening convocation on March 4 by Dr. Glenda Riley, a recognized expert on the history of Iowa women. Her talk is entitled "Retrieving the History of Frontierswomen." Riley is a professor of history at the University of Northern Iowa and coordinates its women's studies program. She has written books and articles on women's history, including the recently published book, "Women and Indians on the Frontier, 1825-1915." An autograph party will follow her presentation.

Gremmels said Riley is the perfect speaker to inaugurate Women's History Week at Wartburg.

"Dr. Riley's knowledge and depth of understanding will set the tone for the week of events," Gremmels said. "Her publications are well respected and her method of presenting women's history emphasizes their often overlooked contributions."

A number of other events are scheduled for the week and are open to the public. A presentation, entitled "200 Years of Women's Fashion: Symbols of Servitude," will be presented by Barbara Brown of Cedar Falls, a member of the League of Women Voters.

A coffeehouse on Wednesday evening will present "Images of Women in Song." Featured performer will be Gayle Hartwig, assistant professor of music at Wartburg. Students and members of the community will be invited to participate.

Chapel talks on Monday and Friday will feature women speakers.

Campus events include a Sadie Hawkins dance on Friday and the showing of a film Saturday.

Gremmels said specific times and locations of events will be announced later, but both men and women are encouraged to participate in the activities that have been planned.

Hawley calls dip 'typical'

Retention drops slightly

by CRAIG SESKER

The retention of Wartburg students is somewhat less than a year ago, but with a larger crop of students beginning the Fall Term the percentage is only a shade above normal.

Kent Hawley, vice president for student affairs, views the situation as typical of previous years.

"It's pretty typical because people are trying out vocations and it might not always be what they want," he said.

Although the amount of retention is normal in comparison to other years, Hawley detects a trend developing among transfers.

"I sense a trend of people wanting a less-demanding major," Hawley said. They didn't feel a four-year program was what they wanted."

Hawley noted many of the transfers had decided to forego a major in accounting or business, for example, and pursue a career as a secretary where training can be acquired at a business institute in a shorter period of time.

Besides transfers, there were numerous people who dropped out because of grades, personal reasons and other untold excuses. Hawley said that exiting students were asked as to why they were leaving, but the reasons weren't usually clear.

"We screen all the students that leave and the reasons they give are acceptable but not usually the real *reason," Hawley said: "They aren't* really happy about Wartburg. It's usually a personal matter or just a need for a change in academic scene."

Hawley also sees a normal pattern for the Winter Term. He was encouraged by the way the budget turned out in cooperation with departing students.

"We budget for a certain percentage of drops," Hawley said. "We didn't have as many leave as we had budgeted for."

McBride's social science class conducting voting pattern study

If you are one of those unique persons who does not own a television set in a country where the average household has three sets, Allan McBride's social science class is interested in you.

McBride, assistant professor of political science, is looking for up to 50 homes without television sets for a class project in his course on Advanced Research in Social Science.

The project is to determine the impact television watching in general has on voting patterns.

All that is involved for participants is a 10-15 minute telephone interview. There will be no home visits by the students involved in the project.

McBride and his students are working on a questionnaire, but they want to complete the project during the Winter Term.

newsbriefs

Elizabeth Wuertz has been promoted to associate director of admissions from assistant director, according to Director Doug Mason. Wuertz, who is in her fifth year in admissions, is responsible for coordinating admissions publications and transfer student programs and for setting up fall and summer visitation days. She also has additional administrative duties when the director is travelling.

Tryouts for the spring play, "Suddenly Last Summer," will be held Monday and Tuesday evenings, Feb. 4 and 5, in Room 105 of Luther Hall from 8 to 10. Persons interested in crew work may also inquire at these times.

February has been declared PBL Month (Phi Beta Lambda) by Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad. PBL is a campus organization for future business leaders. Wartburg has Xi Alpha Pi chapter on campus. PBL students will be conducting leadership workshops on campus for other students and will participate in the State Conference at the University of Northern Iowa during March.

One hundred twenty-six high school musicians participated in the Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival. The students, who were nominated by their high school directors, came from six states: Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

SAC announces 'big' plans for first 'Mardi Gras' bash

Student Activities Committee (SAC) will sponsor Wartburg's first "Mardi Gras" bash Saturday, Feb. 16, in Buhr Lounge, hoping the "big event" will let students find out what Mardi Gras is about.

"SAC wants to sponsor something that will be a 'big event,' and at the same time let students find out what Mardi Gras really is," explained senior Ann Petry, coordinator of the event.

To do this, SAC members have been researching Mardi Gras. Petry said it consists of a wide array of costumes and traditionally everyone wearing some type of mask. SAC will be selling *masks for 50¢ the week before the* Mardi Gras in the cafe line, and has contacted two costume companies that have a variety of costumes available for rental. Cash prizes will be given for the best costumes.

"We're hoping students will go all out," Petry said, "especially with costumes."

She added that SAC wants Mardi Gras to be an event students can plan for and look forward to.

Entertainment includes a dance from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. in Buhr Lounge featuring KFMW disc jockey Michael Dee. Sam Michaelson, associate professor of English, will also play jazz piano in the Visitors Center.

Losing weight could lead to good grade in PE course

by MARLYS THOMAS

Losing is something that most of us do not want to do, but in PE 218 losing is the key concept of the course.

PE 218 is a new course in exercise and weight management. Approximately 15 students are enrolled in this class. They meet twice a week to weigh in, discuss diet strategies and exercise.

Each student has signed a contract on which he or she has declared the number of pounds to be lost during the 15 week course. Also on this contract are columns for pre-planned exercise per week and pre-planned weight loss per week. A passing grade in the course will include meeting the terms of this performance contract.

Along with the contract, students are also required to keep records on daily food intake, daily exercise, preplanned consumption and a computer analysis of their diet which gives feedback on the nutrients in the diet.

The class has so far proven to be successful, with every member having lost weight. Collectively, the class has lost a total of 70 pounds.

PE 218 will be offered only during the Winter Term for those students who have passed PE 100.

So, if you are one who needs to lose a few extra pounds or if you are just concerned with healthy eating habits, a course in exercise and weight management may be right for next year.

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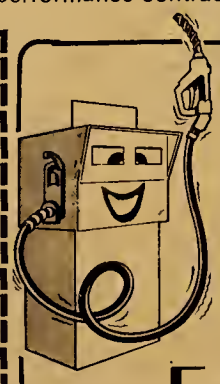
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Blasting the foreign policy of the Reagan administration, Francisco Campbell, political affairs ambassador for the Nicaraguan embassy, charges that the U.S. is preventing Nicaragua from becoming "free" in his speech Thursday in the Whitehouse Business Center. John Ross photo.

Reagan foreign policy blasted by ambassador for Nicaragua

by TIM MANNING

In an attempt to bring Nicaragua's political situation into focus, Francisco Campbell, political affairs ambassador for the Nicaraguan embassy, spoke out against the Reagan administration's foreign policy Thursday in the Whitehouse Business Center.

Nicaragua is presently involved in a revolution seeking its freedom, Campbell said. But he charged that the U.S. is trying to prevent that freedom.

"We demand that the United States respect our rights to be free," Campbell said. "The U.S. has never really tried to promote a democracy."

Campbell spoke out against alleged beliefs that Nicaragua is a threat to the United States, despite what the administration argues.

"We cannot understand how our government can be a threat to the United States—the most powerful country in the world," he said. "The only way we would be a threat is through good example."

Nicaragua still seeks friendly relations with the U.S. despite the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) aggression and intervention in an attempt to overthrow the government, Campbell said.

Having their only two deep-water ports mined, and suffering $50 million dollars worth of damage were the examples cited by Campbell of the atrocities inflicted upon them by the CIA.

"Not one man, woman or child in the United States could escape the impact of such a destruction," Campbell said. "We see that this administration is committed to military aggression."

History has repeated itself many times, Campbell said. He charges that the U.S. government has continually haunted efforts by Nicaragua to become free.

Citing the examples of continued success in establishing a diplomatic government, particularily in education and health, Campbell said Nicaragua can not only be a better nation in the interest of other nations but also an inspiration to other countries.

"We are committed to self-preservation and increased cooperation with other countries," Campbell said. "When a small country like ours stands up to be free, we are becoming an inspiration to other Latin American countries."

Campbell rejects beliefs of connections with the Soviet Union, and instead said they have no intentions of favoring any country, saying, "We will side with the United States if we agree with them, and the same with the Soviet Union."

The other accusations made against Nicaragua by the Reagan administration, Campbell said, is just a coy to persuade the American people.

In reality, the argument that the Nicaraguan government is sending arms to San Salvador has no basis, Campbell said.

"The U.S. has not been able to give one single evidence of Nicaragua sending arms to San Salvador," Campbell said. "No such flow of arms exists.

Campbell said the U.S. has misled the Nicaraguans into believing the U.S. wants to cooperate, as was the case in 1981. After agreeing to a peace proposal with the U.S., the Reagan administration renigged on the deal and went as far as punishing the Nicaraguans for agreeing to the treaty, Campbell said.

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—Francisco Campbell

The World Court voted unanimously in favor of Nicaragua, and rejected the argument of the U.S. Afterwards the U.S. condemned the World Court's decision.

"The United States in effect said it was above the law," Campbell said.

In conclusion, Campbell suggested that the American people put away all the rumors and voice their opposition to the CIA's aggression.

"There is only one possibility left to avoid a war in Central America, and that is the people of the United States to persuade the administration to set aside their aggression," Campbell said. "We believe that the people of the United States don't want to see a repeat of the Vietnam War."

'Some Enchanted Evening' is good, old-fashioned production

review by SHELLY GREEN

"Some Enchanted Evening," presented by the Waverly Community Theatre, is a music lover's dream. This collage of Rodgers and Hammerstein sweep the listener from the fields of Oklahoma to the peaks of the Austrian Alps, to the deep blue of the South Pacific.

If you enjoy good, old fashioned love songs and being serenaded by young gents and winked at by the gals in frilly dresses, your evening is well spent attending this production.

The cast, predominately Wartburg students, do justice to each piece and transform the listener to the scene of the various Rodgers and Hammerstein productions.

'Some Enchanted Evening' will enchant the folks from the Rodgers and Hammerstein era as they travel back to a time of frolicking.

Under the direction of Vicky Green and the musical guidance of Carol Culton Heine, assistant professor of music, singers Gregory Diercks, assistant professor of computer science; Steven Myren, student employee supervisor and food service worker; sophomore Robin Myren, and seniors Ann Petry and Becky Tienter project their musical talent with confidence.

The cast succeeds in flowing from one production number to the next without blinking an eye. The character transformations are simple and neatly choreographed.

The opening scene is a bit weak, but have patience. The voices warm up quickly and remain strong throughout the two-hour production.

The orchestra, with pianists junior Janelle Bloxham and senior Martha Wedemeyer is a solid yet sensitive anchor from which each performer can fill their marvelously musical sails.

One might describe the set as dull, but this is not a visual performance. By closing your eyes this audio barrage of well-blended voices will draw visions, to carry you through springtime and the budding of love affairs.

Characterization is developed by each performer's voice. Each character pulls through strongly with good stage presence to complement their voices, but the voices create the mood.

Players Theatre is an appropriate location for such a small production. The voices project well inside the compact building.

Some Enchanted Evening" will enchant the folks from the Rodgers and Hammerstein era as they travel back to a time of frolicking, love games and serenades. For the younger crowd who is not so familiar with the tunes, the music will enchant them, also.

"Some Enchanted Evening" continues this week in Players Theatre Thursday, Feb. 7, Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from Karen Funk at the Student Union office. Cost is $3 for students and $4.50 for non-students.

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editorial

College suffering communication gap

The past couple of weeks the *Trumpet* gave the administration something to think about. We have a feeling they're thinking about it.

We wish we had their input, though. Admittedly, we aren't the most knowledgable about all the things that go on in every department and office, but we do realize that they all fit together to make this college function.

Students are cheering the *Trumpet* on, but we have just started the ball rolling. Perhaps our moves were misunderstood. There is an overview that students are missing.

Students are seeing only their angle. The *Trumpet* has already pointed out that the administration is seeing another angle.

We are Wartburg—that's the whole picture. "We" stands for students, professors, administrators and staff. Competition with other members of our family is not part of the Wartburg feeling.

The Wartburg feeling is harmony—working together toward common goals and bettering its individuals, as Shannon Patrick, assistant dean of students and director of residential life, pointed out in chapel last Monday.

Students think administrators are worried about other things besides students. They are wrong.

Those working for Wartburg believe they are working for the students. Each department and office, from food service to admissions wants to make things better.

A communication gap is what we have. It happens in every family.

Someone working in development might not know about the feeling students have about what they do. But do students see *what development, admissions or student* affairs do and how they fit into the whole picture.

Professors aren't the only teachers here, either. That's why we proposed a program where staff and administrators advise students. It would improve communications and aid students in using their resources more efficiently.

Students must stop saying "teach me," "entertain me." In the big picture, we too have responsibilities. The *Trumpet* has made suggestions for bold moves. As long as we continue to read them on the page and do nothing to implement them, we get nowhere.

In a family, brothers and sisters often point out problems and offer help. Our intent was to show the administration they were off balance.

All of us will experience job evaluations in a career. Now that we have their attention and want them to continue listening, we need to constructively criticize their performance.

We should sit down and talk to an administrator one-on-one and discover first hand whether they are really concerned about students or if they are just wrapped up in their end of campus as many of us often get wrapped up in our end.

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'World' is easier to love than 'people in particular': Trachte

Wow! Does my wife have cold feet!

I never realized what a serious problem this can be in a marriage. I used to think it was funny when Dad complained about Mom's, but when it's twenty below outside, cold feet in bed is no laughing matter. It's one of my wife's serious deficiencies, especially in winter.

It just proves that while it may be easier to hate "people in general" (last week's theme), it's not easy to love "people in particular."

Whatever you do, don't put a halo on anyone who doesn't have wings and glow in the dark.

Some years ago I received a very angry letter from a student who had come to know me well. The letter was a real zinger. It cut me up pretty well. As I recall, it ended with the phrase, "You've certainly lost your halo in my eyes!" I was devastated. After all, I'm really such a nice guy. I was so crushed, that, in an attempt to gain some perspective as to where this student was coming from, I shared the letter with my wife.

She read it, pondered it for a moment, and then said, as only a wife can say, "I think a lot of things in this letter are probably true. You are often..." (and she listed most of what the letter said was wrong with me.) Double devastation! Then, mercifully, she added, "But that's only one side of you. You're also..." (and she listed some of my finer qualities—like having warm feet in bed), and then gave me a big hug.

When it comes to being photographed some people have a good side and a bad side. Apparently I must have a "halo and a halo-less" side to me. On second thought, I doubt that I ever had a halo in the first place. The problem may have begun when this student manufactured one for me. It didn't fit.

We're often disappointed when we come to know people in particular. We don't see the blemishes from the distance. It isn't until we live with, work with, travel with or sleep with individuals that we even begin to notice things like cold feet.

Every once in a while a student comes into my office and announces that she wants to "serve people." I usually can't keep from smiling. That's beautiful. But then I typically find myself asking a question or two: "What kind of people do you want to serve?" People in general—who seem basically happy, kind, affirming, and thankful, or people in particular—who are often frustrated, lonely, bitter, angry and ungrateful."

Pastor's Ponderings

by LARRY TRACHTE

It's so much easier to love the world than it is your roommate (spouse, parents, family). Yet every once in a while we discover someone who amazes us—the better we get to know them, the deeper we come to appreciate and love them. When that happens we've got something special. Call it friendship. Celebrate it. Maybe even marry it.

Whatever you do, don't put a halo on anyone who doesn't have wings and glow in the dark. Then, if at some point you discover that she has cold feet, it's probably worth investing in an electric blanket.

letters

Michaelson lauds 'honest' Hawley

I was sorry to read of the resignation of Kent Hawley. Few of the people I have been acquainted with in my years at Wartburg have done as much for the college, and, with but one exception, no one in such a quiet, unassuming way as has Dr. Hawley. Even though I have had some disagreements with him, some of them fundamental, I never left his office feeling I had met with a vindictive, grudge-bearing person.

Never petulant, peevish or scheming, Kent brought to the problems of the college a substantively rational mind which served the college well. Never self-serving, Dr. Hawley sought for solutions to problems with a kind, common-sense demeanor. Discreet and honest, he met challenges that would have broken the spirit of a lesser man. A basic goodness, a professionalism and a wisdom that came from being tested, all characteristics of Dr. Hawley brought dignity to an oftentimes thankless job where carping was many times the only reward for his efforts.

But this is all secondary. In the last few months I became cognizant of the deep, unaffected concern for humanity Kent possesses. Consequently, my respect for him grew. A school dedicated to service is served by a man with a most admirable global awareness of the plight of humanity. He is, furthermore, evidence that one man can make a difference. The ripple effect that is already showing itself through Wartburg graduates should be a source of pride to Wartburg and satisfaction to Dr. Hawley.

At a time when gratitude is reluctantly expressed, I want to express my gratitude for his example. At a time when self-aggrandizement is so apparent, I want to recognize his humility. And at a time when praise is either rare of perfunctory, I want to praise Dr. Hawley—publicly. At the risk of sounding maudlin, I want to express my conviction that if the accolade of Christian gentleman is ever applicable, it is applicable to you, Kent. And I hope with you that your rich vein of human compassion has been waiting for this opportunity to be mined, will give you the satisfaction and restorative peace of mind you so greatly deserve.

Sam Michaelson
associate professor of English

Time to seek 'affirmative response'

There's been a good deal of talk about life at the Wart lately. Students are dissatisfied with community spirit, concerned about image projection, and anxious about the imbalance between homework load and social life. Faculty are wondering what students' needs are, and are concerned about the seeming "laissez-faire" attitude. And all, administrators included, are wondering what has happened to the "happy Wartburg family."

These tensions are producing a variety of attitudes, the prevailing of which is creating a students vs. administration or "we vs. they" atmosphere. Pitting ourselves against each other is not the answer.

Like any family, cooperation is essential in resolving these issues. And that means honest communication. It means seriously discussing what Wartburg is, and should be, about.

It means offering constructive advice, even amidst criticism.

In essence, it means getting out of the negative rut we appear to be digging and start building a positive groove. I know we do not have an easy task before us, but we can find feasible, employable "Wartburg Pride" oriented solutions.

One way to commence revitalization is to go on a retreat, a retreat open to the entire Wartburg community. It would be off-campus to establish some semblance of objectivity. (Perhaps EWALU...?) Small group discussions would allow for in-depth appraisal of the issues at hand; larger group meetings would facilitate sharing ideas and eventually involve recommending options.

This is but one suggestion; I know there are other possibilities. Each of us has a responsibility to help make Wartburg the best it can be, since Wartburg is devoted to helping us become the best we can be, in all areas of our lives. And, therefore, I challenge the entire Wartburg community, myself included, to ebb the tide of negative criticism and begin the flow of affirmative response.

Beth Olson
senior

letters

Stop complaining and start acting

The time to stop complaining and start doing is here. For several weeks, a general feeling of dissatisfaction has taken hold of the campus. This is no secret to anyone. The contents of the *Trumpet* have made it difficult for people to remain ignorant of the problem.

A call for action has gone up among students. Actions to find solutions are taking place. Take the Ad Hoc Committee, for example. I genuinely hope solutions will come from their endeavors, but I question the timing of its formation and its purpose. The problems the committee is looking into have been here for years, why a committee now? Why aren't more students on the committee? Why hasn't the administration been listening, really listening, for the past two years?

And then there's the "image problem." I don't see a problem with Wartburg's image, except maybe it's a bit overdone. A college, especially its administrators and admissions department must be concerned with image—we'd complain if they weren't. However, making students and the college appear different than they really are isn't honest. For instance, isn't the almost constant buffing of the upstairs Business Center floors and the ban on all-campus parties on visitation weekends making Wartburg look "holier" than it is? Wartburg doesn't need to be something that it isn't.

I keep hearing, "When I was a freshman, things were really different." And they were. As Beth Olson said in her *Trumpet* column, we may need change, but not negative change. Many of the rules and academic pressures feel like negative change. No student should expect a spoon-fed education or lectures by Eddie Murphy-types; but then again, neither should students feel that they can't even attend a home basketball game because of homework pressures.

Much of the current interest in campus conditions was brought out by the editorial in the Jan. 14 *Trumpet* which promoted mixed reactions. While some faculty and staff perhaps dismissed these concerns as rantings of spoiled college students, many students felt relieved that someone had expressed what we've been feeling for the past two years.

Sometimes it does feel as though the administration is a paranoid parent who thinks anything students do, which might suggest imperfections, reflects badly on the administration. Life isn't peachy just because it's life at Wartburg. As Joy Bowden said in her letter to the editor, let us make our own mistakes and give us room to discover what we can and can't do—don't try to do everything for us or make life outwardly "perfect." Concern is one thing, suffocation is another.

Wartburg is a very special place for many people. I want to be one of the alumni who feel good about where we went to school, and to leave with that great pride most people have for their alma mater. The way things are going—fighting the pressure to get things done, to live up to the expectations of this administration—I feel more frustration and bitterness than I want to.

So, what do we do? Communication seems to be the best place to start. Only by brainstorming honestly about feelings and problems can be there be any chance to work on effective solutions. That means start talking *and* listening. Students, talk to faculty and staff people; they won't know what you want and feel unless you tell them. Faculty, talk to students and administration—openly. Administrators, don't let Wartburg begin and end in your offices.

And if you won't talk and work towards solutions, then don't complain.

Cheryl Wilms
senior

SBP, SBVP defend Student Senate

Considering the recent letter to the editor regarding student government, we felt it was time that Senate received a fair shake from the press. We would like to begin by addressing the alleged deficiencies pointed out by Mr. Rick Smith.

We will start by revealing the lack of specificity in Mr. Smith's attacks. We have heard these same ambiguities and generalized criticisms before. However, when we inquire into their basis regarding concerns about *specific* and concrete issues and policies, the accusant looks confused and noncommittally replies, "Oh, you know what everyone has been talking about." Furthermore, we have never experienced the pleasure of Mr. Smith's presence at a Senate meeting, nor has Mr. Smith voiced his concerns to any of our qualified senastaff or administration. We are, as most people who know us on campus can attest to, outspoken and willing to work with "the administration" on issues or policies that we find detrimental to students' concerns.

Student Senate provides a service to students; it serves as a communication channel between students, faculty, staff and administrators. And we *do* communicate. One excellent example is the editorial in the Jan. 21 issue of the *Trumpet*. Ideas for this editorial came straight from the executive committee (especially Mr. Huston!!) when they were interviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee several days prior to the *Trumpet's* publication. Our resolve is unquestionable; it is the impact of these communications that has to be improved.

We recognize that our administration is not without flaws. However, we feel that many of our problems are a reflection of the student body. Student apathy (or alienation) has been as frustrating for senators as for other groups on campus. Senators are available to listen, not act as paternalistic babysitters checking in to satisfy needs. It is the responsibility of every student to speak out if they have a concern, and to vocalize their solution to someone who will take affirmative action.

We have taken our offices very seriously and we feel that we have adequately represented the student body. We have many significant contributions accomplished and we will gladly provide *specific* examples if requested. Our year is not over yet, and if asked to move forward on an issue, we are more than willing to respond.

Teresa Zimmerman, senior
Student Body President
Dan Huston, senior
Student Body Vice President

Changes come from involvement

While sitting in a lounge venting my frustrations about life at Wartburg and related issues, I became aware that just speaking my mind in that setting had little impact on opinion, and no impact on change. I began to seriously question how one goes about making changes.

Within this college there are numerous organizations (approximately 45) in which students may become involved. Through these organizations opinions and ideas may be expressed. Such organizations include Student Senate, Student Activities Committee, and hall councils.

These organizations exist for the purpose of students developing policies, providing ideas for socializing, and the standards of academic morale.

Whether students become involved is the first key to making change. From this point those involved and those not involved should be informed. We live in an age where information is of major importance.

As students and members of society, it is our responsibility to become aware of contemporary issues. How well informed we are is to our own discretion. It is unfortunate that individuals limit themselves in obtaining information that is readily available.

If we as students utilize information properly that knowledge may be used to help create change. While this is not a new concept, it is important that it is emphasized and an interest be reborn. The more an individual is informed, the better he can make convictions and communicate effectively. The main element in provoking change is the ability to communicate with an informed opinion.

Therefore, students as individual members of society, must be informed of issues and the proper ways to communicate ideas which can result in change.

To answer the question I raised earlier, students should inform themselves, then they can create change and make a difference.

CeCe Reading
freshman

knightbeat

Writer defends Knight hecklers

by DARREN MILLER

They have many aliases—"hecklers," "bleacher bums," "fanatics," or the "sixth man." But it has come to my attention that a weekend basketball series brought out the best (or worst) in our student supporters.

Although their antics have not become a campus-wide problem, negative sentiments have been aired, motivating a rebuttal from my sports-oriented pen.

The conflict started with a Wartburg contingent continually yelling for William Penn Coach Leon Richardson to "sit down" whenever the veteran disputed a call or became disgusted with his team's performance.

It's true that this entertainment may not be classified as good sportsmanship, but the fan is an integral part of athletics and without them few squads could afford to perform.

There is also an intimidating effect on the opponent when they realize that strong support accompanies the home team. The home court advantage means exactly this—a comfortable environment for the home team, while the opponent is pressured into chaotic play, thus making it possible for the hosts to grab an advantage in the contest. The pressure placed on the opponent, consequently is applied by the fans.

After all, the game is for the fans. It gives them a chance to unwind, while at the same time support their alma mater. The term fan means a person with extreme enthusiasm or zeal and that is exactly what I see at Wartburg basketball games—extreme enthusiasm.

Perhaps an individual complaining about unruly or "ignorant" fans, as I have heard them called, should turn on their television when Notre Dame is engaged in a game. The Fighting Irish crowd is notorious for icing opponents in the late minutes of close contests with their screaming, jeering and pom-pon waving. The end product is a victory—earned by the players, sparked by the fans and enjoyed by everyone.

I'm sure the only aspect of the William Penn game that the Wartburg fans regret is that the Knights fell in overtime to a powerful Statesmen squad. Intimidation is part of all athletics and the students in Knights Gymnasium are simply motivating the ball club to gain a mental edge, while deterring the opponent of the same goal.

I do not coin this as ignorant, but rather applaud their efforts to inspire the Knights to victory. So SIT DOWN LEON!

Move on to more important issues

To the students: It's good that you're upset.

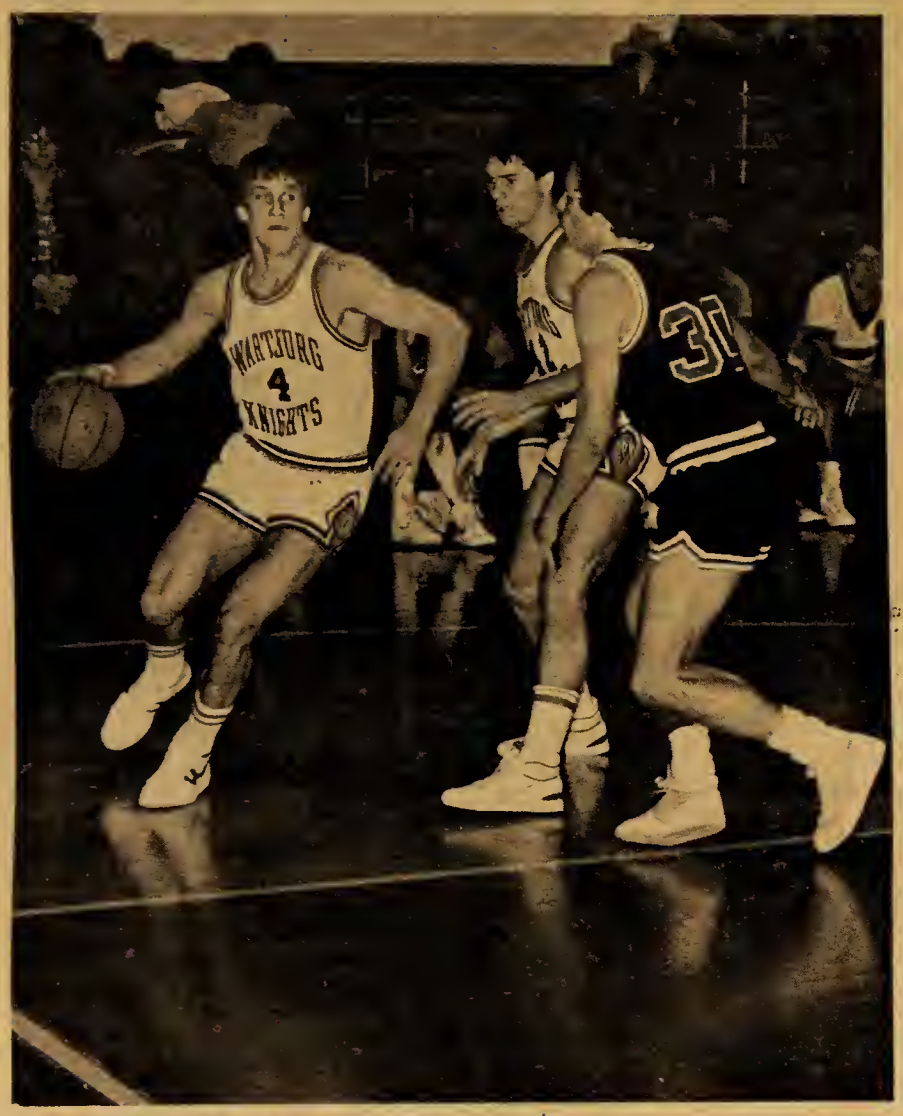
You're disproving those accusations that today's college students are apathetic and self-centered and job oriented and money conscious.

You're upset about campus questions such as where to dance or whether to serve drinks or why you can't have lunch in the cafe.

Don't stop there. Tackle U.S. policies in Central America and the African famine and apartheid. Go ahead and solve some of the world's big messes.

Elaine Main
assistant director of public information

Knights take advantage of free throws



Freshman Kurt Boerm scores in the Knights' 82-69 win over Grinnell Tuesday. The Knights beat conference foe Buena Vista, 73-68, Saturday. John Kirchhoff photo.

Knights must face good league teams after recording victories

by MICHAEL B. WIRTH

When something is free, you usually take it. And that's exactly how the men's basketball squad defeated Buena Vista, 73-68, in Storm Lake Saturday.

The Knights, who shot 20 fewer field goals than the Beavers, made 15 more free throws to give them their third Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) victory in eight outings.

The Knights jumped ahead early and took a 44-31 halftime lead.

"We thought we played a good game considering we were on the road," Coach Buzz Levick said. "It [the lead] permitted us to control the tempo and do the things we wanted to do."

Wartburg didn't just play one good half of basketball, though.

"It was one of the few times we've been able to come out in the second half and increase our lead," Levick said.

The Knights weren't able to hold on to that lead throughout the entire second half, though.

Missed free throws late in the game allowed Buena Vista to get as close as three, 63-60, to Wartburg, who led by as many as 17 points in the second half.

"Down the road we missed four to five one-on-ones," Levick said. "We could have really burned them."

But missed free throws weren't the only reason the Beavers got back in the game. Levick said the Knights "nursing" the ball didn't help.

"For most the middle part of the second half we didn't look at the basket," Levick said.

Freshman center Art Sathoff led a well-balanced Knight offense. Sathoff finished with 19 points, 14 of which came in the first half.

Other Knights in twin numerals were junior Ward Prine (18), freshman Kurt Boerm (15) and sophomore Barry Huber (11).

Boerm, Sathoff and senior Mark Brown collected 22 of the Knights' 39 rebounds.

The Knights shot an impressive 51 percent from the field and a less than stellar 62 percent from the line.

"We had good shots," Levick said.

The Knights defeated Grinnell College, 82-69, Tuesday in Knights Gymnasium.

"We were at the place where we needed a win," Levick said. "We needed it for our mental aspect of the game."

The Knights were led by Sathoff, who collected 22 points and 14 rebounds.

Behind Sathoff in scoring were Prine (17), Boerm (10) and sophomore Dan Gerdes (10).

Against Grinnell free throw shooting again helped as the Knights were 26-34.

The Knights will square off with Luther and Dubuque Friday and Saturday.

The Norsemen beat the Knights, 84-72, earlier in the season.

"The biggest mystery about Luther is that they're 1-5 at home and 3-0 on the road," Levick said.

Dubuque shelled the Knights, 70-54, a week ago.

Stand at 7-10

Women to play spoiler role after loss to BV

by TIM MANNING

After winning their first overtime game over Coe Wednesday night, the women's basketball team was not as fortunate at Storm Lake Saturday night, losing at the hands of conference foe Buena Vista for the second time this season.

The loss put a new perspective on the cagers' roles for the remainder of the season, as their record fell to 7-10, and 3-5 in the conference.

"We know we're not going to win the conference, but we can decide who will," Coach Kathy Meyer said.

In the overtime win against Coe, 87-78, in Cedar Rapids, the Knights had five players scoring in double figures en route to recording their third straight victory.

Although Meyer would have preferred to win the game in regulation, she was pleased with the team's play at the end of the game.

"We played more controlled ball and got a lot of production from our guards," Meyer said.

The women jumped on Coe early in the game, shooting over 46 percent from the floor, and built a 10-point lead at halftime.

However, the second half could have been much better, Meyer said, as the Knights got themselves in foul trouble late in the game.

After allowing Coe to take a four-point lead with just a few minutes remaining, the Knights got their touch back. Meyer gave most of the credit to guards junior Lori Brown and senior Cindy Suess.

"Lori [Brown] came off the bench and hit quite a few in a row to get us back in the game," Meyer said. "Cindy [Suess] hit some key baskets in overtime."

Pacing the Knights offense were Suess and junior forward Sue Klasen, who had 18 points each. Brown had 15 points, and senior forwards Sharon Ubben and Sandy Bill added 14 and 12, respectively.

In the loss to Buena Vista, 79-61, in Storm Lake Saturday, the Knights had all kinds of trouble trying to stop the hot shooting Beavers, who shot 55 percent from the field.

Despite having four players in double figures, the Knights couldn't contain Laurie Demers, the conference's leading scorer. When the Knights did contain Demers, the results were much the same.

"We were so worried about her that the other players on the team were getting easy shots," Meyer said.

Despite focusing all their attention on Demers, the quick guard still pumped in 30 points. The Beavers also out-rebounded the Knights, which Meyer said "shouldn't have happened."

Suess had a team-high 12 points, and Brown, Klahsen and Ubben added 10 points each.

Meyer looks forward to this weekend, as the Knights host Luther Friday and Dubuque Saturday.

Meyer will expect close games against both Luther and Dubuque. The Knights beat Luther in a thriller in the previous meeting between the two ballclubs.

The game against Luther will be held Friday, Feb. 9. The Dubuque game is Saturday, Feb. 10. Both games begin at 5:30 p.m. in Knights Gymnasium.

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Men, women shine in debut meet

by TIM MANNING

In his debut as head track coach, Dick Lee had some pleasant surprises as the men's track team went head to head with Grinnell in a non-scoring meet Friday night in the Physical Education Complex.

Not knowing what to expect after just four weeks of conditioning, Lee was pleased with his team's performance, as the Knights claimed 10 first-place finishes and six second-place finishes in 16 events.

"I'm very pleased with the level of conditioning that our runners showed tonight," Lee said. "The guys ran competitively, and also ran smart races."

Although Lee didn't come into the meet with any set goals for times, he was impressed with most of the times for the first indoor meet.

Inheriting a team composed of a majority of freshman, Lee was relieved to get the first meet over with."I think most of our freshmen came out of the meet feeling pretty good about themselves."

Among those freshemen faring well in the meet were Dave Smith, who cruised to an easy win in the two-mile run in 9:47.

Other freshmen who won their events were Bob Burrows and Kirk Elliot, who won their heats in the 60-yard dash; Garry Creed, who won the high jump; Bob Brockney, who won the 60-yard hurdles. Burrows, Elliot and Creed were also involved in the winning four-lap relay.

Others winning their events were senior Dan Huston, who won the mile run; senior Scott Kasik, who won the 440-yard dash; and sophomore Eric Buchholz, who won the 300-yard dash, Kasik and Buchholz , along with sophomore Chris Creswell and freshman Craig Sesker, easily won the mile relay.

Lee said he was not disappointed with any event except those that were forfeited, and was particularly pleased with the efforts of the sprinters and the distance runners.

"It was part of conditioning," Lee said, "and we are still pointing towards the outdoor season."

Breaking two records along the way, the women's track team cruised to 10 first-place finishes and eight second-place finishes in its first meet of the season against Grinnell Friday.

For coach Liz Wuertz, the meet was a good workout and also a first experience for many. However, Wuertz was encouraged with the competiveness her runners showed.

"We set realistic goals and everyone accomplished those goals—in times and places," Wuertz said. "I had some surprises."

Sophomore Nancy Balding smashed the old record in the 600-yard run. Balding ran the distance in 1:35, nine seconds faster than the old record.

The mile relay squad, featuring sophomore Nancy Balding, junior Karen Baumgartner and freshmen Lori Stumme and Sandy Kline, covered the 10 laps in 4:20, to beat the old record, set in 1983, by 2.14 seconds.

Junior Andrea Janssen was a triple-event winner for the Knights, winning the high jump, and both of her heats in the 60-yard dash and the 300-yard dash. Freshman Judy Droullard also won her heats in the 60-yard dash and 300-yard dash.

Other winners for the Knights were freshmen Sandy Kline, who won the 880-yard run; Teresa Cordes, who won the 1000-yard run; and Marsha Huisman, who won the high jump.

Wuertz said the women show potential in the shot put, placing three in the meet, and also show depth in the high jump, and the middle and long distance events. There still remains concern in the sprint events, though.

"We have some work to do in the sprint area," Wuertz said. "We have more depth, but I'm not sure what they can do."

The non-scoring meet served as a building block for improvement in future meets, Wuertz said, and goals will be easier to set.

"This is the beginning, and we will try to improve meet by meet," Wuertz said. "It will be interesting to see what happens next week, because we will be running to benefit the team."

The men and the women will travel to Grinnell Saturday, Feb. 9, to participate in the Grinnell Triangular.

Senior Scott Kasik wins the 400-yard dash in Saturday's non-scoring meet against Grinnell. John Kirchhoff photo.

Knights place fifth in eight-team invitational

by MICHAEL B. WIRTH

Placing only two wrestlers in the top three, the Wartburg men's wrestling squad placed fifth in the eight-team All-Lutheran Tournament in Decorah Saturday.

Augustana (IL) easily ran away with the invitational, scoring 140½ points. Augsburg (MN) took second, with 116½ points, and Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foe (IIAC) Luther took third, with 100 points. The Knights had 54¾ points.

Placing behind Wartburg were Augustana (SD), Gustavus Adophus (MN) and St. Olaf (MN).

Senior Scott Ruhnke was the only Knight to take home first-place honors. Ruhnke won by defeating his Augsburg opponent, 4-1, at 190 pounds.

Freshman Walt Vering was the only other Knight place-winner, taking third in the heavyweight division.

Senior co-captain Bing Miller got upset early by a Luther foe. Coach Dick Walker believes Miller will win the next confrontation.

"He should [be able to beat him]," Walker said. "He should have beat him this time."

Bad news continued to mount for Walker and his Knights. Freshmen Dennis Gaul and Matt Parmely were both injured and Walker wasn't sure when either would be able to wrestle again.

The Knights will face Simpson Thursday. Walker said the Knights success "depends on how many we can wrestle."

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Temple worship interests Hansen

by BETH WAGNER

Vacations during the college years most often involve trips to the ocean, ski trips in Colorado or a relaxing vacation at home.

Last year senior Kristi Hansen had a once in a lifetime experience during a vacation while attending International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo, Japan.

"How do I explain six days and five nights sightseeing and staying overnight in Zen Buddhist Temples? They were all so different from anything I had imagined. The experience itself was unique to say the least," said Hansen.

Hansen went on an "educational" trip in Kyoto with several students from the University of California. These students were also one-year regular students at ICU.

"Most of the Japanese students were shocked that we had gone to Kyoto and stayed in temples. Few students in Japan practice Buddhism and seldom ever go to the temple and stay overnight," Hansen said. "However, they do go to celebrate special occasions such as New Year's."

Hansen said she stayed in several temples. One was a neighborhood temple similar to a neighborhood church. The others were special temples in which the Buddhist priests lived.

"They varied in atmosphere from relaxed to very tense," said Hansen.

Hansen was able to sleep, eat, bathe and meditate in the same way as the Buddhist priests.

Hansen said that she couldn't speak during the meals. She said that there were five bowls of different sizes. She picked them up, one by one and would eat the food with the chopsticks. She was also not to make a sound while she ate.

'How do I explain six days and five nights sight-seeing and staying overnight in Zen Buddhist Temples? The experience itself was unique to say the least.'

"At the end of the meal they would pass the tea down the table, pour it into a bowl and then clean out each of the bowls with a chopstick and one of the pickles left from the meal.

"Once the bowl was clean, tea and bits of food were poured into the next bowl and I continued the process until all the bowls were clean. Once that was finished, the tea with the food pieces was consumed," said Hansen.

Hansen said that the eating ritual was not so strange if you take it into context.

"The Buddhists are very careful about not wasting food, therefore we had to eat everything. Concerning the quiet, while we ate we were to concentrate on the food. The priests said to think about the people who went to all the work to prepare, plan and grow the food we were eating," Hansen said.

Hansen explained the practice of Zen meditation as a great and valuable experience in doing what they believe. She said that the fact that Zen Buddhists sit and meditate, usually for one hour at a time, shows the dedication they put into their religion.

'The Buddhists are very careful about not wasting food, therefore we had to eat everything.'

"I also participated in Zen meditation. I silently walked into the special Zen room with my hands held together in front of me. I then sat cross legged on a cushion, straightened my back and put my hands in front of me on my lap," Hansen said.

Hansen said that the room was not heated and that that was a common trait of Japanese homes.

"I tried to find a comfortable position and tried not to move until the gong sounded about one hour later. My legs fell asleep and even hurt," Hansen said.

"If you fall asleep or if you stir and disturb the silence, the head priest will tap your right shoulder with a stick to warn you about the coming blow. As you bow your head to the left, you suddenly feel as if lightning had struck your back while your neighbors awake by the sound of the impact. You will thank him with a slight bow forward and by putting your hands together," Hansen said.

Hansen said that the priest doesn't mean to punish you, he just helps you to relax and concentrate.

"Monks in Zen monasteries might sit for several sessions a day like this, but the beginner no doubt is thrilled when the hour is over," Hansen said.

As a Christian, Hansen said that she was rather nervous about visiting a Buddhist temple let alone staying overnight there and meditating. She said that she did it more out of curiosity in the way the people worship than out of interest in the religion itself.

"Staying at some of the temples made me very uncomfortable. It gave me a strange feeling when I had to bow before a Buddah even though I wasn't actually worshipping it or even understanding what was going on," Hansen said. "I wouldn't turn Buddhist, but I do think that we can learn something from their morals, values and dedication."

Senior Kristi Hansen demonstrates the posture she held during her experience with Zen meditation. Hansen said she held this posture for 45 to 60 minutes at a time. Pat Simmons photo.

Zen Buddhism is not practiced daily by most Japanese, according to Hansen. In fact, as she sees it most Japanese people have no "real" religion at all.

Zen itself is to help the person get beyond a discriminating mind and to be able to take things as they are. Through Zazen (meditation) a person eventually learns something through the pain. For to feel the pain, one should be happy; it shows that a person is alive.

Tyson's life thrives on personal touch

by POLLY JO CHIPMAN

The personal touch is what Miriam Tyson of Waterloo brings to every aspect of her life.

As a non-traditional student, her courses this term at Wartburg are independent study. She does not attend group lectures or labs, but meets individually with professors to plan her curriculum, study plan and method of reporting. As president of the union, Communication Workers of America, she keeps lines of communication open between individual union members and communication companies.

Her emphasis upon the personal touch paved her road to the union presidency.

"When I was young, I felt—and still feel—that God put me on this earth to make others' lives more comfortable. I've always tried to put interests aside to help people," Tyson said.

This was reinforced when she was chosen delegate to the National Democratic convention in New York in 1980.

"My father was very active in politics, but I didn't pay much attention to politics then," she said. "When the idea of being a Democratic convention delegate came up, it dawned on me why my father had been active. He kept people informed and that's the best way to help them."

Tyson worked for Northwestern Bell, AT&T after the divestiture. Because of her political activeness and involvement with people, she was approached in 1981 by a union chief steward. He asked if she would consider becoming a steward. She accepted.

The steward job helped her keep lines of communication open between union members and the company. This was the training necessary for her to ascend the union ladder to the presidency.

At that time, however, that next step hadn't occurred to Tyson.

"My first goal was to graduate from Wartburg. I wanted to concentrate on my studies. Then a friend called and asked if I'd run. I thought it was a joke and declined," she said.

"When I was young, I felt—and still feel—that God put me on this earth to make others' lives more comfortable. I've always tried to put my interests aside to help other people."

—Miriam Tyson

"However, after thinking about it, I decided perhaps I could do the job, so I began campaigning."

Again, she used her personal touch. She hand wrote 300 letters to union employees, each letter personal and different from the other 299. In some way, each letter said she was running for the presidency and she would appreciate the reader's help.

"My friends offered to help me write those letters, but I knew I had to do it myself," Tyson said.

Last October, she won the election, becoming the first black woman to serve as a local union president. She has goals for her term of office.

"I'll attend a lot of conventions and meetings, but my main task is making sure the contract is enforced. I want to be sure I represent union members fairly, educate them on union structure and motivate them to become active in the union," she said.

To accomplish this, Tyson knew she needed administrative and managerial skills. That's why she enrolled at Wartburg.

"The course, Management Principles, that I took last fall helped me polish skills I can use working with large groups of people, such as those in the union," she said. "Another thing I like about the course was the opportunity to share others' viewpoints. It was a small class and that let me share ideas easily; that's important to me. Sharing changes me for the better."

Dr. Melvin Kramer, professor of business administration, taught the course. He predicted Tyson has already used much of what was taught in class.

"I presented both management and administration perspectives to Tyson. Those perspectives increased her awareness of various relationships between management and labor, things she'll face everyday in union work," Kramer said.

Tyson was born and lived 13 years in Jamaica. She lived with her father, a Baptist minister, when she was not attending boarding school or staying with an aunt. Then she came to the U.S. to live in Mason City with her mother, who had come to this country six years before.

Tyson graduated from a Mason City high school. She brought the personal touch to her high school activities. She joined clubs for speech and drama, home economics, math, Junior Achievement and choir.

"I joined every club I could—even pep club, although I don't care that much for sports," she said.

Her relationships at home involve two others—her husband, Robert, and daughter, Aunjeanette. Yet, she works just as hard on those relationships.

"My family comes first," she said.

"I feel that all the responsibilities of the house are mine, and I try to do most of the work myself. I guess those are priorities I learned in Jamaica. The family helps when I can't get everything done. At least I've stopped pressing towels."

But whether it's running a union meeting or writing 300 letters or cooking supper, Tyson would rather do it herself. It's part of her personal touch.